

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Device for storing ~~goods, in particular~~ vehicles, the ~~goods being~~ stored on device comprising

at least one platform, ~~and the~~ at least one platform being guided on guides ~~and the~~ at least one platform being traversable over a ~~traverse~~ path traverse to the at least one platform,

means ~~being provided~~ for moving the at least one platform along the traverse path and the at least one platform being secured against undesired movement by ~~means of a~~ co-operation of safety means arranged at the guide or device and platform for preventing movement of the at least one platform, the safety means ~~being indicated by~~ including at least one locking unit (3) and at least one locking element (6), ~~characterised in that~~

the locking unit (3) ~~is~~ being freely rotatable and supported in such a way that ~~the a~~ center of gravity of the locking unit (3) is located off-center, so that the locking unit (3) is in continuous active connection with the locking element (6) by gravity as long as there is no power acting against ~~the gravity is brought into~~ applied to the locking unit (3).

2. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the safety means secure the platform against undesired downward movement.
3. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the safety means ~~can be~~ is arranged along the ~~total~~ traverse path of the at least one platform

(1) against the ~~guide (2) on each position in active connection in order~~ guides to interrupt the movement of the at least one platform (1).

4. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the locking unit (3) is arranged on the at least one platform (1) and the locking element (6) is arranged on at least one of the guides (2).

5. (Cancelled)

6 (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the locking element (6) ~~is indicated by~~ includes a gear rack.

7. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a notch is provided as the locking unit (3).

8. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein a side of the notch ~~which faces~~ facing the locking element (6) has at least one tooth designed ~~in such a way that it can engage positive interlocking to positively engage and~~ interlock into each indentation of the gear rack along the traverse path of the at least one platform (1).

9. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, **characterised in that** wherein the locking unit (3) is held ~~through the power of in place by~~ a power element, ~~for example a spring, or because of the gravity in continuous active connection with the locking element (6),~~ the locking unit (3) embracing an opening element (7) ~~which acts~~ acting against the an effective direction of the power element, and which is activated only when the at least one platform is moved along the guide guides.
10. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, **characterised in that** ~~in order to bring in the adjustment force~~ wherein the locking unit (3) ~~comprises~~ includes an opening element (7) and ~~e. g. an electromagnet, electro-motor, a pneumatic or hydraulic cylinder, a spring, a manual or mechanic supported activated cable pull or chain hoist or the like is provided as opening element (7).~~
11. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim + 10, **characterised in that on** wherein the means to traverse (11) of the platform signal transmitters, ~~like electric all-or-nothing relays, pressure sensors and/or speed sensors are arranged which~~ for moving co-operate with the opening element (7) in such a way that ~~the~~ actuating of the opening element (7), ~~which is embraced by the locking unit (3), is blocked, respectively prevented, when the usual working conditions on the means for traverse (11) deviate.~~
12. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, **characterised in that** wherein the locking unit (3) is indicated by a design like a connecting link ~~which is in continuous~~

active connection with the locking element (6) and has an opening element (7) for opening the active connection.

13. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim + 9, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein power which is effective against the power element is brought in by a ~~means like~~ cable (5), ~~a chain or the like~~ into the locking unit (3).
14. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim + 12, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the locking unit (3) is arranged rotatably on the at least one platform (1) and the opening element (7) is formed by a cable (5) ~~and/or a chain~~ guided over deflection rollers (8,9).
15. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim + 12, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the opening element (7) acts through a cable (5) on the locking unit (3) and ~~by means of that~~ brings it out of to remove the active connection with the locking element (6).
16. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that on~~ wherein the locking unit (3) ~~at least one deflection, for example a~~ includes two deflection roller (8), ~~is provided over which the~~ rollers for guiding a cable (5) ~~is guided in the~~ a shape of a an "S".
17. (Currently Amended) Device ~~according to claim 1, characterised in that the~~ for storing vehicles, the device comprising

at least one platform, the at least one platform being guided on guides and the at least one platform being traversable over a path traverse to the at least one platform,

means for moving the at least one platform along the traverse path and the at least one platform being secured against undesired movement by safety means for preventing movement of the at least one platform, the safety means including at least one locking unit and at least one locking element,

the locking unit being rotatable and supported in such a way that a center of gravity of the locking unit is located off-center so that the locking unit is in continuous active connection with the locking element as long as there is no power acting against gravity applied to the locking unit.

a cable (5) is being attached to the an upper end of at least one of the guides (2); preferably to the upper end of a stationary column; and to the a lower end of at least one guide (2) or to the floor.

18. (Currently Amended) Device ~~according to claim 1, characterised in that~~ for storing vehicles, the device comprising

at least one platform, the at least one platform being guided on guides and the at least one platform being traversable over a path traverse to the at least one platform,

means for moving the at least one platform along the traverse path and the at least one platform being secured against undesired movement by safety means for preventing movement of the at least one platform, the safety means including at least one locking unit and at least one locking element,

the locking unit being rotatable and supported in such a way that a center of gravity of the locking unit is located off-center so that the locking unit is in continuous active connection with the locking element as long as there is no power acting against gravity applied to the locking unit.

the ~~rotatably supported~~ locking unit (3) is being provided on the at least one platform (4) and the locking element (6) ~~designed as~~ including a gear rack is provided on ~~the a frame of the device, preferably on the stationary column;~~ at least two deflection rollers (8) ~~being~~ provided on the locking unit (3); over which a cable (5) is being guided which is attached to ~~the~~ an upper end of the device frame and connected with the an opening element (7), ~~preferably an electromagnet;~~ arranged on the floor ~~or the lower end of the device;~~ which then effects a movement, ~~in particular a pull on~~ of the cable (5) when the opening element (7) is actuated, bringing a ~~power which acts~~ force acting against the gravity ~~into~~ to the locking unit (3) which turns the locking unit in such a way ~~that it disengages to disengage the locking unit~~ from the locking element (6).

19. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein a cable (5) runs along the ~~total~~ traverse path of the at least one platform over the deflection ~~or the~~ deflection rollers (8).
20. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein an actuating element (12) is provided for actuating the opening element (7) ~~which is~~

arranged in such a way that ~~the~~ an operator ~~can actuate this~~ actuates the actuating element (12) ~~from a safety area.~~

21. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1 20, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the locking unit (3) releases the at least one platform (1) only when the actuating element (12) is actuated.

22. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cable ~~or the cables (5) are~~ is attached to ~~a corner or a wall of~~ a building ~~in which the device is arranged.~~

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the locking unit (3) ~~is indicated by~~ includes a centrifugal brake which is actuated automatically, ~~that is engages,~~ by an adjustable speed ~~which deviates~~ deviating from ~~the a~~ normal traverse speed of the at least one platform (1).

26. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the safety means are brought into active connection by ~~means of~~ magnetic forces.